

March 11, 2010

ADDENDUM #1 TO
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
INVITATION FOR BID
#HWY-309496-RP

The purpose of this addendum is for the approved exceptions/equivalents submitted by Intermountain Coach for the 23 & 25 Passenger Cutaway Buses.

All other terms, conditions, specifications and incidentals shall remain the same as originally stated in Invitation for Bid #HWY-309496-RP.

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

_____ (Vendor Signature)

_____ (Date)

hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of Addendum #1.

A copy of this signed addendum **MUST** be included with your bid response. Failure to include a copy of this addendum with your response will result in disqualification of your response.

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MDT TRANSIT VEHICLES

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS/APPROVED EQUALS FORM

IFB NO. : HWY#309496

NAME OF BIDDER: Dean Walle, IMC

TITLE OF DOCUMENT REFERENCE: HYW#309496-RP

TYPE OF VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT: 23, 25 Passengers Buses

PAGES & REFERENCE: 2

BIDDERS REQUEST:

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in Bid No. #HWY-309496-RP for 23 and 25 PASSENGER CUTAWAY BUSES. Listed below are Clarification questions and Approved Equal questions for this bid.

- 1) Page 13 and Page 40 Item 7.3.1 and Item 8.3.1 Fuel Tank The F550 chassis in the wheel base requested does not provide a single fuel tank that meets the specifications. Please accept the OEM dual fuel tanks which are 40 and 19 gallons respectively.
- 2) Page 13 Item 7.3.7 Batteries Please accept that both the OEM batteries on the F-550 are now located under the hood for ease of maintenance. This also avoids any confusion with Ford warranty as to where the batteries are and who's responsibility they are while under warranty.
- 3) Page 19 Item 7.6 Body Exterior Features 7.6.11 Passenger Windows Please accept a passenger window size of 36"x 36" with top t-slide windows.
- 4) Page 12 Item 7.3 Drive Train 7.2.1 Engine Please accept that the only available Diesel engine for the F-550 is the 6.7 liter.
- 5) Page 13 Item 7.3 Chassis Equipment 7.3.5 Please accept on the Diesel engine the standard OE alternator which is a 200 amp single alternator.
Please accept the aftermarket "American Armature" 200 amp alternator for the 6.8L gas engine. The 6.8L OE alternator is only rated at 155amps and there currently is not an option for dual alternators for these chassis.

6) Page 22 Item 7.7 Body Interior Features 7.7.6 Driver Seat There are currently NO aftermarket driver seats available for the F-550 chassis! Please accept the OE standard driver seat with the OE cloth covering. I will forward an email from Freedman Seating regarding this information.

7) Page 19 Item 7.6 Exterior Body Features 7.6.12 Mirrors Please accept the Roscoe Heated and Remote "model 715" mirrors in lieu of the Lucerix mirrors.

8) Altoona Testing, currently this vehicle has not been tested at the Altoona facility. We are in the process of sending a vehicle to Altoona, however the test results will not be available at the time of the bid. Please accept that the Altoona Test Results be delivered with the buses at time of delivery. We do not anticipate at this time exceeding the 120 working days requirement. Currently there are no F-550 shuttle buses that are Altoona Tested.

We appreciate your attention to these questions and look forward to providing any additional information which may be required.

Please contact me at 1-719-237-9466 if further information is required.

MDT RESPONSE:

MDT accepts all clarifications and approved equals requested by Mr. Walle at IMC.

NOTE:

Any request for an Approved Equal or Exception to the Specifications must be fully supported with technical data, test results and any other information available, as evidence that the substitute offered is equal to or better than the Specifications/Requirements. MDT may require a bidder offering a substitute to supply additional descriptive material, a sample and/or a demonstration.